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## IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

To Be Held at Lincoln, Nebraska, September 28th, 29th and 30th. 1897.

To the People of the United States:

**A**GREEMENT to the instructions of the Fifth Irrigation Congress, the Sixth Annual Session of the National Irrigation Congress will be held in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 28th, 29th and 30th of September, 1897.

The basis of representation in this body will be as follows:

- 1 All members of the National Executive Committee.
- 2 All members of State and Territorial Irrigation Commissions.
- 3 Five delegates at large to be appointed by their respective Governors, for each of the following States and Territories: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- 4 Three delegates at large from each State and Territory not heretofore enumerated, to be appointed by the Governors; or, in the case of District of Columbia, by the President.
- 5 One delegate each from regularly organized Irrigation, Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, and Societies of Engineers, Irrigation Companies, Agricultural Colleges, and commercial bodies, such as Boards of Trade, Commercial Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, etc.
- 6 Duly accredited representatives of any foreign nation or colony, each member of the United States Senate, House of Representatives, and each Governor of a State or Territory will be admitted as honorary members.

### NATIONAL SCOPE OF THE MOVEMENT.

The questions for discussion in the National Irrigation Congress are of vital interest not only to the people of arid and semi-arid America, but to every section of our common country. Each succeeding session has been marked by an increasing interest, intelligence of discussion and broadening of plans looking for the reclamation of the arid West and to the establishment of independent means of livelihood for the millions who are yet homeless in a land of unparalleled resources, with a possible destiny beyond the most extravagant dreams of the optimist. Problems of both national and state legislation will be considered.

### THE HIGHEST ORDER OF TALENT.

The papers and discussions will emanate from authorities of distinction, who have attained their eminence by practical work, laborious study and philosophic research. Subjects will be assigned with reference to the capabilities of the authors to deal with them in the most thorough manner possible under the time limit necessarily imposed by the program committee. Every effort possible will be exerted to make this session the greatest in results of any convention in the history of the movement.

### THE CONVENTION CITY.

The city of Lincoln, the historic capital of Nebraska, with a thrifty and progressive population of 55,000, is making liberal preparation for the royal reception of the thousands who will attend the Congress. The amplest hotel accommodations, at the lowest prices, will be available to all, and the local itinerary will include the attractive sight seeing excursions, visits to state institutions, official receptions and trips to the interior of the state where many of the greatest canals and irrigation works will be inspected and their practical results exhibited.

### TRANSPORTATION.

Railroad rates will not exceed a single fare for the round trip from all points between Chicago and the Pacific Ocean and probably from any place in the United States to the City of the Congress. Details of transportation ticket limitations will be announced later either by this committee or the railroad officials.

### LISTS OF DELEGATES.

The Governors of the various States and Territories and all appointing agencies under the call, are especially requested to advise the secretary of the executive committee of the names and addresses of the appointees and correspondence relating to all matters

antecedent and preliminary to the Congress will receive prompt attention at the hands of the Secretary.

E. R. MOSES,  
Chairman National Executive Committee, Great Bend, Kansas.

C. M. HEINTZ,  
Secretary National Executive Committee, Los Angeles, California.

### Silver Will Win.

No man in the United States deserves or enjoys the confidence of the American people more than Judge Caldwell, of the United States Circuit Court. It is refreshing and interesting to listen to his wise and patriotic remarks just at this time, and we call special attention to an interview with the judge which will be found below:

"I have never for a moment doubted the result of the silver fight," remarked Judge Henry C. Caldwell, of the United States Circuit Court. "The cause will win. I do not say it may win—but it will win," added the distinguished juror, with an emphasis on the "will" that resounded down the corridor. The judge was sitting in the private room of Judge Hallett, where he was engaged in friendly conversation with the callers.

"The silver cause," said he, "is a righteous cause, and I have an abiding faith in the final judgment of the American people. I am not a politician. I have been on the bench too long to think of ever taking an active part in politics, but my sympathy is with Bryan and the cause he so nobly represents. In my opinion Bryan is one of the most remarkable men of the times, and so is Towne. If there is a more eloquent and convincing orator in America than that man Towne, I have certainly failed to hear him. Towne leaves nothing further to be desired as an orator."

"Some people think you ought to go into politics," remarked a listener to the judge.

"That would require an entire change in my methods of life," replied the judge, with an expression on his face that indicated, perhaps, that the suggestion might have been followed if the person to whom it was addressed were twenty-five years younger.

"I have been very much interested in watching the course of Bryan, and I do not believe he has made any mistakes since he was nominated last fall. He seems to be growing stronger this year, and I am glad to hear that he is making money. He is a man who will make good use of money, and those are the kind of men who ought to have it. It requires a brave man to take the position Mr. Bryan has assumed, but he has never flinched. We need never fear that the right kind of timber will be found when the need of our country calls for the material with a genuine ring about it. No intelligent American citizen ought to doubt the destiny that awaits this wonderful country."—Denver News.

### Ingersoll With The Striking Miners.

In a public letter to a newspaper on the strike situation, among the coal miners Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll says:

"The question of wages for the coal miners ought to be settled by the employers, and it would be if the employers were civilized.

"It is very easy to ascertain what wages ought to be paid. It is easy to find how much it costs for good, wholesome food, for decent clothing, for rent, to take care of the children. When this is found it is easy to say what wages should be.

"When men work all day and just get enough to keep life in them so that they can work the next day: when nothing can be saved; when old age can have only a rag and a crust; when a youth of industry ends in poverty and want, it is about time for the decent, intelligent, humane to assist the children of toil.

"I do not blame the miners for striking. They must strike or starve. All I blame them for is not acting together. Every miner in the United States should strike and then if they demand only the reasonable they would succeed.

"My sympathies are with the men and women who toil—to whom the future promises nothing but work and want—nothing but failure at last.

"As the employers are not civilized enough to act fairly, I advocate a general strike—a claim for fair and reasonable wages, and hope that all miners will have sense enough to join. I know of no other way for them to protect themselves. If they are reasonable a vast majority of the people will be with them. So I say success to the strike."

## ELLINWOOD'S FIRE.

Two Buildings Burned, A Livery Stable and a Doctor's Office.

**F**IRE! Fire! Was the cry that went echoing through the streets of Ellinwood last Friday evening about 8 o'clock, and in a short space of time the whole town was out to fight the destroying fiend that threatened devastation to the prosperous berg.

At the hour named Johnnie Trump, a small boy working at Will Klein's livery stable, took a lantern and went into the haymow to hunt for a pitchfork. The lantern was accidentally overturned and in five minutes the large hay-loft was a roaring, seething furnace, and in another five minutes the entire barn, covering an entire lot from street to alley, was but a heap of smouldering ashes. The office of Dr. R. W. Barr, just across the alley at rear of the Klein barn, was also consumed, with all its contents. What wind there was from the south, and the lots next north of the livery barn being vacant, the fire was kept under control by the citizens. Dr. Barr's stable was badly scorched, and Joe Sprunker's residence just across the street on the east was also in eminent danger.

In getting the horses out of the livery stable Joe Sprunker was hurt quite seriously by being thrown against a wagon tongue. Fred Barr, while working at the fire when it first started, trying to smother it out with a blanket, had his hands and face badly burned.

The livery barn was owned by Register of Deeds Klein, and the stock, buggies, harness etc, was owned by City Marshal W. F. Klein of Ellinwood. The total loss is estimated at \$3,000. Henry had \$1,000 insurance on the building, and there was some insurance on the contents. All the horses but one, all the vehicles and most of the harness were saved. Dr. Barr lost the entire contents of his office, valued at about \$800 on which we understand there was no insurance.

It was fortunate indeed that the wind was not from some other direction, as everything is as dry as tinder, and great devastation would have occurred had the fire got a fair start. The citizens are to be complimented upon their heroic volunteer work in subduing the conflagration.

### School Board Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Great Bend board of education:

WHEREAS, In the dispensation of Divine Providence we are called upon to mourn the loss by death of Katie Vollmer, teacher in our public schools and daughter of our co laborer in years past, Fred Vollmer, we, as a body express our heartfelt sympathy for our bereaved brother, family and patrons of our school in this great affliction and with them humbly submit to the divine wisdom of the Master.

Resolved, That in the death of Katie Vollmer the board of Education and patrons of the school have lost a faithful, efficient, christian instructor.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family and made a matter of record in the journal; also that they be published in the city papers.

EDWIN TYLER,  
Committee.  
D. J. NEWTON,  
A. J. BUCKLAND.

The board of county commissioners met Monday of this week to read just the tax levy for Barton county. As usual the state board of equalization has raised the assessed valuation for Barton county, on all property except railroad property, 11 per cent, making it necessary to collect on \$207,298 more than the valuation as returned by assessors (\$2,601,170). The total valuation, as readjusted, will be \$2,808,468. Every year the assessed valuations of this county is raised by the state board. It does seem that the matter of assessment should be adjusted so as to make this unnecessary. It adds an additional expense to the county, besides making a whole lot of extra work for the commissioners and county clerk.

WANTED—A girl for general house work in a small family. Good wages to the right party. Enquire at the DEMOCRAT office.

The DEMOCRAT, with all the county news, for \$1 a year.

## EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

"Don't start to Alaska on the spur of the moment. You will need some other motive power before you get there," suggests the Parsons Palladium.

Nothing is gained in business, in politics, or in social life by double dealing. A square, straight-forward position will win oftener than a beating about the bush, or back room scheming.

A lot of the gold standard democrat papers of the land are getting tired of carrying water to the protective tariff elephant, and are getting ready to espouse true democracy in 1900. One of the latest of such papers to come to its senses is the Chicago Chronicle.

There is no reason why the silver forces of Barton county cannot work together this fall on the county ticket. Let the democrats nominate two men, the populists two—or say three—and the free silver republicans one, and then let all go to work together harmoniously for the success of the entire ticket.

The Clafin Banner is responsible for the following: "A family living a few miles distance from Clafin has the most remarkable freak yet brought to public notice. It is a child and is perfectly formed with the exception that it has one perfect face in front and one behind. The child is fat and hearty, although it feeds only one face at a time."

While playing tennis the other evening, a young lady suddenly screamed so loud it scared her lady and gentleman company. She kept screaming and declared a bee had stung her. In an affectionate and sympathizing manner a young gentleman inquired: "Where did it sting you, dear?" "None of your business," came the hot answer. The young man says hereafter he will attend to his own business and let the bees sting where they will, he will keep his mouth shut and let the girls scream at will.

In many counties of the state a combination of the elements opposing republicans has been made. Will Barton county be behind her neighbors in this spirit of fairness and good government? As a "fusion democrat" a "demo-pop" or a "popo-dem"—the name our enemies call us does not matter—we say No. Let us neglect no opportunity of holding together the brave, conscientious voters who last fall rallied to the standard of William J. Bryan and the principles he represents.

Out this out and paste it on your barn door for fly time: To keep the flies off cattle take coal tar two parts and coal oil and grease one part each and mix with a small amount of carbolic acid. Apply with a cloth by moistening the hair and horns with the liquid. In the application include the feet and legs and it will drive every fly away, and one application will last ten days or more in dry weather. Apply as often as necessary and your cows will be entirely free from flies of all kinds. Any old lard or grease can be used.

SOME weary newspaper man, whose identity is lost through the merciless scissors of some conscienceless eastern Kansas cribber, got off a hot weather mail something like this: "I don't want to write, and I don't want to try. I just want to loaf out there, where the sky is blue as the eyes of a maiden I knew ere weary and anxious and careworn I grew. I've an odd little notion that I'd like to be floatin' lazily there on a cloud that I see, with the noise of the office all dying away, in the silence of nature till the close of the day. There's no explanation occurring to me, but I feel that I'm boxed and want to be free. In the great game of life I have shuffled and dealt, and the cards run but queer as I've frequently felt. So I'd like to draw out from the game and its ache, for I'm really not certain just what is at stake; I would like to draw out, though the mad players play, for I'm longing to rest till the close of the day."

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

FOR SALE.—A typewriter, in good repairs. Call at this office.

A. S. McCracken went up to Garden City Friday, after some cattle.

A bright little girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haege last week.

Most of the roasting ears were well "roasted" last Sunday and Monday.

Up about Verbeck the wheat is yielding from 15 to 30 bushels to the acre.

H. E. Altman is doing local work on the Tribune during the editor's absence.

Meeting of the democrat and populist central committees Saturday of this week.

TO TRADE.—A 3 year old mare for a good family horse, single driver. Call at this office.

Miss Amy Brown the milliner, left last Friday on a visit to Kinsley for a few weeks.

Assistant Postmaster Cooke, of the Ellinwood Leader, was doing business in town Monday.

Remember the Misses Brown, south side of Forest Avenue, for the latest millinery, at lowest prices.

O. J. Richards came up from Hutchinson last Friday, to look after business matters in Great Bend.

Little Georgie Miller, of Buffalo township, has been visiting with friends in the city the past week.

Miss Elta Purviance came out from Rosedale, Sunday to stay a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Haege.

Dr. H. E. Linds has bought the O. J. Richards residence, in the third ward, and will move into it in the fall.

J. H. Monghan, who has been visiting Richard Jett, his brother-in-law, left Monday evening for his home in Alton, Ill.

Andrew O'Brien, who now lives about 10 miles south of Great Bend, in Stafford county, was trading in town last week.

Mrs. B. T. Cutler and three children stopped off to visit with her father, E. Bennett, Sunday on her way home to Ness county.

Bert Schaeffer, oldest son of Gus Schaeffer, has accepted a position with J. A. Rehn and will learn the dry goods business.

Farmers of this county who are not busy threshing are putting in good ticks plowing and otherwise getting ready to put in the fall crop.

Ed. M. Traylor, formerly a Cleveland township farmer, but now dealing in grain and coal at Hollywood, was doing business in town Wednesday of this week.

L. J. Barker, of the First National Bank, returned last week from a two weeks' outing in the mountains. Mrs. Barker will remain there for some weeks yet.

A marriage license was issued last week to John Shartz, of Ellinwood, aged 21, and Miss Lizzie Klepper, aged 21, daughter of Nick Klepper also of Lakin township.

Last Wednesday Will Bonner, brakman on the Santa Fe, got his hand caught while making a coupling and had one finger taken off, and the hand otherwise injured.

Dr. Tuttle, the eye and ear surgeon, will be at the Hotel Greene Friday, Aug. 6th. He will make this point regularly. He fits spectacles accurately and scientifically.

Wheat in the north-east townships is proving to be the best wheat in the county this year. The yield is greater as a general thing, and the berry is plump and grades high.

G. H. Ray, a grandson of Wm. Hood, came up from Harvey county the first of the week on a short visit. Mr. Ray says Harvey county corn has suffered this year for lack of rain, same as in Barton county.

The Atchison Globe man says if you love a baby, show it at this season by not hugging it. How would you like to be hugged and kissed by someone five times your size with the thermometer at 100?

The Ellinwood Advocate is a very neat and newsy paper, but for the good of the Barton county newspaper fraternity we would like to see its editor give credit for the good things his scissors gather in.

Sunday August 1, was undoubtedly the hottest day of the season. Thermometers registered all the way from

108 to 118 in the shade. And in the sun—but nobody was reckless enough to put their instrument in the sun.

Dave Robertson, who is running a threshing engine up near LaCrosse, will now have something else to thresh besides wheat. His wife presented him with a fine girl baby on Friday morning of last week.

A. L. Miller fell from the roof of a porch he was building for John Frank last Wednesday, and bruised himself up quite severely. He lay unconscious for quite a while, before the neighbors discovered his condition.

MARRIED.—By Probate Judge Breeden at his home in Great Bend Sunday, August 1, Frank Price aged twenty-three, of Great Bend, and Miss Stella Hawk, aged twenty, of Galatia. Both are well known young folks having a large circle of friends who wish them much joy.

A Keno county minister was called up into Rush county to marry two couples recently. He had learned through the DEMOCRAT, that Judge Breeden was furnishing the finest marriage certificates to be procured and stopped off here to get a supply. It pays to advertise in the DEMOCRAT.

Last Friday, while threshers were at work for John Schneider, north of Albert, sparks from the engine set fire to and burned up two large stacks of wheat. As it will cost about \$200 to make good the loss, the threshers immediately hustled into town to get a new spark-arrester to take the place of the deficient one.

Last Spring Mrs. M. B. Pitts planted some pond lilies in a small pond on their place in the west part of the city. The plants grew all right but the bugs and beetles came near taking them. Mr. Pitts put some small fish in the pond which got away with the bug pests and Sunday morning Mr. Pitts was rewarded by discovering an elegant pond lily in full bloom.

Great Bend is having troubles of her own with drunken tramps. Let her no longer point the finger of scorn at Ellinwood but look to the beam in her own eye. Our city is a peaceful and unusually orderly town, compared to the county seat.—Ellinwood Leader.

Who has been "pointing the finger of scorn at Ellinwood?" We want to slosh 'im on der koop mit a brickstein. We are proud of the record the second city in Barton county has made in her handling of the tramp nuisance.

With Superintendent Stryker's knotty idiosyncrasies staring them in the face, and 100 degree weather crawling all over them; with cute little rivulets of common, salty sweat coursing down their backbones and pesky flies buzzing in their pink ears, is it not a wonder that the many handsome school teachers taking the examination this week do not become disgusted with their calling and—get married? Seems like this would be an opportune time for the young men to pop.

Elsewhere in this paper notice the call for a meeting of the National Irrigation Congress, at Lincoln, Nebraska, Sept. 28, 29 and 30. Barton county's local irrigation association should send the delegates, we are entitled to. This county was the birth place of the irrigation movement in Kansas; the president of the National association, Mr. E. R. Moses, is our fellow townsman, and should the aims and objects of the association be eventually attained—and we most earnestly hope and believe they will—no persons would receive a greater benefit than those of this part of Kansas. The movement is greater than many imagine, and one of these days it will be a pleasure to anyone to know that they helped the cause of irrigation and all that it implies when it most needed help and encouragement.

Grace Allen, a former student of the Central Normal College, who was on trial at Chandler, Oklahoma, charged with attempting to poison Miss Frona Echs, also a former student of the college here, was found not guilty, on July 27th. Miss Allen and Miss Echs were both in love with W. Gill Smith who was also a student here, and it was charged that Miss Allen tried to poison her more successful rival. The evidence at the trial developed the fact that Miss Echs and her mother, both of whom were deathly sick, had been made so by a medicine which both had been taking. Many of the present students at the college remember all the parties connected with this sensational case.

LATER—Smith and Miss Echs were married at Guthrie, Oklahoma, on August 21, Miss Echs' father officiating. The dispatch does not say whether or not Grace Allen was present at the wedding.